



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with sadness of the death of Bob Absher of Carrier  
4 Mills on July 9, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Absher was born in Stonefort on January 10,  
6 1925, to the late Taylor and Effie Blackman Absher; and

7 WHEREAS, He married the former Ruth Dempsey on October 16,  
8 1942; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a Christian and a longtime member of First  
10 United Methodist Church in Carrier Mills, where he served as  
11 chairman of the church council for many years; he was a Purple  
12 Heart Army veteran of World War II and a member of the IOOF  
13 Lodge in Harrisburg and the Comfort Rebekah Lodge 48 in Carrier  
14 Mills; he was also a member of the UMWA and retired in 1987  
15 from the Peabody Eagle 2 mine; and

16 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, his  
17 sisters, Myrtle Bynum and Rachel Hill, and his brothers, Royal  
18 and Bill Absher; and

19 WHEREAS, The passing of Bob Absher is felt by all who knew  
20 and loved him, especially his wife of 62 years, Ruth; his sons,  
21 Mike and Linda Absher and Greg and Pam Absher; his  
22 grandchildren, Mike Absher Jr., Michelle Calvert, Mark Absher,  
23 and Geoffrey and Barrett Absher; his great-grandchildren,  
24 Megan and Natassia Calvert and Tyler and Madison Absher; and  
25 his nieces who were raised as his sisters, Joyce and Chuck  
26 Reeder and Carolyn and Carl Ross; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
29 Bob Absher and extend our sincerest condolences to his family;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
4 sympathy.